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If there is to be a second Federal judge, we hope he will be a man of the standing of the first one. No political judge who borrows money from Chinese who have been before the courts in gambling cases; and no lawyer who is out of tune with the better sentiment of this community, should be considered for a moment. The only kind of men who are entitled to be even thought of for this high post are those who, in attainments and dignity, belong in the class with Judge Dole, Judge Hartwell, Judge Francis M. Hatch, Judge Henry E. Cooper, Judge Ballou, Judge Perry, William R. Castle and William O. Smith.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

It was supposed when the Emperor of Germany came to the throne that he would seek military glory for his reign and that, in the furtherance of this idea, he would pick quarrels with his neighbors. He was a young man then. He is now fifty years of age and has been on the throne since 1889, and during that long period the German empire has been at peace. But it has become a vastly greater manufacturing and commercial force than ever before; it has acquired for the first time in its history, or in the history of German States, naval dignity; it has been steadily growing richer, and it still holds place, though for defence rather than offence, as the first military power in the world.

That the Emperor's military policy was not to make Germany troublesome but to make her safe and respected is now obvious. There was no other way. The Empire of the Hohenzollerns is warring in natural defences. With mountainous buttresses like the Pyrenees or the Alps between her and her neighbors, she could be safe with a much smaller standing army; but she is wide open on the French and Russian sides and on part of the Austrian side. Hostile forces approaching through the low countries would encounter no mountains or large rivers. It is plain, therefore, that Germany has had to make up for these deficiencies of frontier by becoming an armed camp and insisting on universal military service. By such means, she has been able, under the Emperor's wise guidance, to make the most of her natural resources and opportunities for trade; and, with a growing navy to protect her routes of sea travel, to acquire colonies and to build up foreign commerce.

Here, indeed, has been a useful and beneficent reign; here, too, is a sovereign who, though politically embodying a giant's strength, has not used it like a giant. He could have made war on a grand scale and won battles; instead he has preferred to give his country strength and his subjects happiness. Surely, in the presence of this record, the temperamental faults of the man may easily be forgiven and forgotten.

ANDRADE AND CRAWFORD.

A somewhat peculiar situation appears to exist with regard to the office of Chinese interpreter for the local district court. According to the opinions of practically all concerned, the only competent candidate available is one William Crawford. But for reasons which need not be gone into, that estimable Chinatown character is a pet enemy of the Advertiser, and it appears to be generally understood that if the district magistrate dares to appoint him, some "roasts" of the district magistrate will follow. And it further appears that the district magistrate hasn't the courage of his convictions, and so the office stays vacant. If the district magistrate thinks that such weakness as this is furthering his chances of elevation to the circuit bench, where certainly there is greater need of fearlessness, independence and impartiality, we think he mistakes the temper of the bar and the rest of the community.—Star.

This is easily recognized as an attempt to dragoon Judge Andrade into making a discreditable appointment so as to escape the charge that he fears certain criticism. The Star, as the leading organ of the yellow dogs in local politics, may find Crawford to its taste; but people who think of the reputation of the city and are not inclined to aid those who profit by crookedness do not approve the appointment of a professional law-breaker to any responsible post. They are especially opposed to an interpreter who, by a deliberate mis-translation of testimony, might turn the admissions of a Chinese witness on the stand into something very different; and who is known to be in the hands of lawyers who are not above such trickery and might easily profit by it. No man who might be induced to interpret to order or to coach a witness under the pretence of asking him questions is wanted in any court. So far as Judge Andrade is concerned, he is already aware that if he chooses to appoint Crawford, or any other gambler, the Advertiser will have nothing more to say. It will let the facts speak for themselves. We may add that, in our opinion, he does not want to make such an appointment.

WIRELESS FOR SAFETY.

While the Florida, with which the Republic collided, was able to take off the 761 passengers of the White Star liner, the fact that the Republic was able, by wireless telegraph, to bring other transatlantic steamers to her aid in time, is one of great significance. One of its first results should be a demand by the traveling public for the equipment of all passenger steamers with the wireless device, coupled with preference, in passenger business, for those that take on this safeguard over those that do not.

The only merchant ships using the wireless on this ocean route are those of the Matson line and the Japanese line, and two of the oil boats; such splendid steamers as the Pacific Mail's being without, and the one steamer of the Oceanic line not yet being supplied. One would think long to find excuses for the neglect of the Pacific Mail in this particular; and it would seem to be poor business for the Oceanic, while in active competition with Matson, to give the latter's boats a wireless advantage. Eventually they will all have to come to it; but it might hurry matters if, in the terms of the subsidy bill, a wireless proviso were incorporated. Travelers by sea have as much right to require the wireless as travelers by rail have to require the block signal system.

Tag Day will give this community a chance to aid a cause of signal worthiness, the saving of the babies. The high rate of infant mortality in the poor quarters of this city, due to insufficient food and care, is a problem which, some time ago, enlisted the philanthropic efforts of the Palama Mission. One of the methods employed by the Mission to save the babies is to supply them with absolutely pure milk; another is to assist and instruct poor and inexperienced mothers. It has now become best to extend the scope of this work to include the Punchbowl quarter, and more money is needed. On Tag Day there will be an attempt made by one hundred young ladies to collect a fund, which, we trust, will have a generous public response.

The Russian, whom Secretary Root has refused to extradite, is wanted in Russia for political offenses. To get him the St. Petersburg police filed charges of murder, robbery and other crimes. The case has been pending some months, during which time the State Department seems to have made good use of the secret service. At any rate the fugitive is safe.

It is true that Japanese laws do not encourage the foreigner to settle there, and do not permit him to buy land, but they are laws which apply to all alike. What California is trying to do is to embarrass the Japanese only and leave the European foreigner in the full enjoyment of his treaty rights. There is where the danger lies.

Governor Gillett's message to the California Legislature, opposing anti-Japanese bills, does him credit. Whether it will stop the foolishness may be doubtful, but it should have a good effect on Japanese sentiment at home.

Earthquake, tidal wave, volcanic eruptions, widespread fatality, fires, famine, rain, typhoid fever, and now snow! Has Messina any further afflictions to endure?

Carrie Nation is having a fine chance to compare the quality of English eggs with the gallinaceous missiles she used to stop in Kansas.

Hoch der Kaiser.

HUME FORD IN THE EAST

(Continued from Page One.)

years ago, when I was a cub on the Chicago Daily News and associate editor of the Irrigation Age, William E. Smythe, the prophet of irrigated lands, came to town. George Girling, Rev. John Rusk, Edward Everett Hale and myself put our shoulders to the wheel and organized the Homeseekers' Association, and promptly launched a new magazine to set forth the beauties of Smythe's ideas of cooperative settlements. Needless to say, I also used the press. We held big mass meetings and sent out our first colony to Idaho. There we planted our New Plymouth—so named in honor of Hale—and it was and is a big success. And I will tell why.

A Vote an Acre.

It was cooperative without destroying individuality. Each colonist could own from ten to forty acres; no more. Each acre gave him a vote in the affairs of the colony. Each colonist was given an acre in the town, laid out in the center of the property. On this he could build, and raise his garden truck. The acre lots surrounded the public park, in the center of which stood the townhall, theater, schoolhouse, church building. Here the men met to vote on the establishment of a creamery, or the sending of an agent to Chicago to create a market for their produce. The women met for church work, and the children for study. There was a community of interests that acted as a binding cement, and more important than all else, each colonist wished to have a better-looking house than that of his neighbor, so that houses instead of shacks were built, and the gardens were beautified, and the colonists acquired homes they did not care to leave behind them. So successful was the experiment that it was repeated in other Western States, and Smythe, father of the modern irrigation movement, became famous. The Century and other serious magazines clamored for his copy, book publishers besieged him, and he was able to call all the governors of the Western States together—and get them together for annual irrigation conventions. Smythe is still an active man, and I am reaching out for him to get him to Hawaii next summer, when I hope that our Homeseekers' Association will hold its convention in Honolulu. There are governors of States on our board of directors now, and many are the encouraging letters they write concerning the little colonies we have placed upon the lands far from the great cities; and, strange to relate, it is often the ex-city man that makes the biggest success as a small farmer.

A Hawaiian Example.

Ten years ago, when I first turned my face toward Honolulu, there was one aboard ship who had just taken a colony of Americans over to Oahu to place them in possession of small areas of sugar lands—it was a cooperative experiment. I could spend but one day in Honolulu then, but for years I kept harking back to that little colony in Hawaii, and when I could again voyage westward I secured an order from Appleton's Magazine for the story of the little cooperative colony on Ewa plantation, so I arranged to stop over for a week in Honolulu to visit the colony. I haven't found it yet, but I expect the same man who tried to plant it, to join hands with the Homeseekers' Association, and we'll carry out the dream of his life, and make Hawaii more than ever a little paradise for all who will till the soil, even if they are as fair as the angels.

I shall return to Chicago to help out on that Hawaii number of the magazine and to take part in public meetings at the Homeseekers' Auditorium, where Dr. Rusk, Girling and myself, with others who want an excuse to locate in Hawaii, may organize an excursion, to look over the ground.

There will be very low rates to the Coast during the period of the Seattle Exposition, and it is intended to take advantage of these, and low rates by chartered steamer, so as to offer Chicago something to offset the rail excursions to Havana, Cuba, via Florida and Keywest railway. The railways issue booklets showing daily and weekly rate at every hotel and boardinghouse in Florida and Cuba. Chicago can send an excursion to Ha-

wai, and I believe she will, and if it is possible the Homeseekers' Association will offer one at a five-dollar-a-day rate from Chicago back to Chicago, including a visit to each and every one of the larger islands of Hawaii.

Kansas has exceeded its actual revenues by \$3,000,000 and the only way that the income can be made to equal the outlay is to assess property at its full value.

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